

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:) Group Art Unit: 3763
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MIDDLEMAN et al.) Examiner: Cris Rodriguez
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Serial No.: 09/123,614)
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Filed: June 28, 1998)
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For: DEVICE FOR ANCHORING)
TUBULAR ELEMENT) Pasadena, California

RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Examiner:

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated April 12, 2006, the Applicants respond as follows:

The Examiner objected to the Response to Office Action mailed on February 17, 2005 as not containing a complete listing of all claims. Attached to this Response is a corrected "Amendments to the claims" section of the Response to Office Action mailed on February 17, 2005. The Applicants believe that the claim listing is now in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121. No new matter has been added.

The Applicants believe that all administrative requirements are now satisfied to permit substantive examination of the Response. However, if there remain any questions regarding

these matters, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned to expedite resolution of any such matter.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Dated: April 18, 2006

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